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English 3701/001
American Literature 1800-1865
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TEXTS

Baym, ed. *Norton Anthology of American Literature A*, 8th ed.

Baym, ed. *Norton Anthology of American Literature B*, 8th ed.

ASSIGNMENTS

In order for you to value this course—and because this course meets once a week—you must come to class regularly, and you must keep up with the readings (I will provide for you with a reading schedule). I expect everyone to participate regularly.

You will be writing two 3-5-page papers. There will be a comprehensive final exam.

GRADES

2 papers: 50% (25% each)

Final exam: 50%

ATTENDANCE

Because the format of this course is discussion and not lecture, I strongly recommend that you attend class and participate regularly. **YOUR ATTENDANCE IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.**

CONFERENCES

One of the most valuable ways for you to help yourself in this course is to talk with me about your work in conference. I encourage you to make an appointment with me, or to come in during my office hours whenever you want to discuss your work.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Dishonesty of any sort in this course can result in a failing grade for the course. I am especially likely to fail plagiarism from internet sources.

DISABILITY INFORMATION

If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodation, please contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services at 581-6583 as soon as possible.

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Tentative Reading Schedule

Jan	10	Introduction to 19 th century American literature
	17	Introduction to the <i>Norton Anthology of Literature</i>
	24	John Smith, Roger Williams, Phillis Wheatley
	31	Ralph Waldo Emerson, "The American Scholar," "Self-Reliance" Henry David Thoreau, <i>Resistance to Civil Government</i>
Feb	07	Edgar Allan Poe, "The Purloined Letter," "The Cask of Amontillado," "The Masque Of the Red Death," "The Fall of the House of Usher" and all poetry
	14	Herman Melville, "Benito Cereno," "Bartelby, the Scrivener"
	21	Frederick Douglass, <i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass</i>
	28	Harriet Jacobs, <i>Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl</i> ***PAPER ONE DUE
Mar	07	TBA
	14	SPRING BREAK!!! HOORAY!!!
	21	Nathaniel Hawthorne, <i>The Scarlet Letter</i>
	28	Native American literature; <i>passim</i> .
Apr	04	Readers' choice
	11	Walt Whitman, <i>passim</i> . ***PAPER TWO DUE
	18	Emily Dickinson, <i>passim</i> .
	25	TBA